

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Baltic Beacon		2. DATE OF FILING 9-26-01	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$18.00	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) PO Box 401, Baltic, Minnehaha County, SD 57003			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) 414 4th Street, Dell Rapids, Minnehaha County, SD 57022			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: James J. Wilber, 414 4th Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022			
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FULL NAME Prairie Publications		COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 414 4th Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022	
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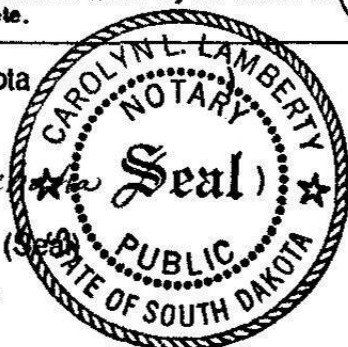
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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

James J. Wilber, Owner/Publisher

State of South Dakota

County of *Minnehaha*Sworn to before me this 24th day ofSeptember, 2001*Carolyn L. Lamberty*
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